SENATE BILL 802

By Yarbro

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to student retention.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3115, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

An LEA or public charter school may retain a student in the third grade if the student has not shown a basic understanding of the curriculum and an ability to perform the skills required in the subject of reading, as demonstrated by the student's grades or standardized test results. An LEA or public charter school may require the student to participate in a research-based intervention approved by the LEA or public charter school before the beginning of the next school year.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-905(d), is amended by deleting subdivision (4).

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to the 2022-2023 school year and each school year thereafter.